GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:120
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2000
PERFORMANCE OF ALUMINIUM PLANTS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of the aluminium producing plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the profit earned/losses suffered, production and export of aluminium by each plant during each of the last three years;

(c) the demand and consumption of aluminium in the domestic industry and the steps taken by the Government to improve availability of aluminium in the country ;and

(d) .the expenditure incurred by the major aluminium companies for the import of coal (non-cooking/cooking) with low-ash content during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 120 FOR ANSWER ON 27.11 ASKED BY SHRI P.D.ELANGOVAN REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF ALUMINIUM PLANTS.

(a) & (b): The production of aluminium in the country is monitored on monthly basis, the overall performance of the aluminium plants in the public sector is reviewed in detail on quarterly basis by Government. The details of production and export of aluminium and profit earned in the last three years in respect of all domestic primary producers of aluminium metal are as under:

	Production of Aluminium			Export of Aluminium			Profit (Rs in crores)		
	97-98	98-99	99-2000	97-98	98-99	99-2000	97-98	98-99	99-2000
NALCO	200162	146206	212663	55475	39865	95185	547	248	611
BALCO	88198	91844	91345		1700	Nil	116	80	76
HINDALCO	200304	240926	248930	26207	25740	46369	496	566	612
INDAL	38790	42193	43458	Nil	Nil	Nil	71	76	84
MALCO	25140	20290	23345	Nil	Nil	Nil	50	33	30

(c) The consumption and the production of Aluminium metal in the country for the last 3 years are as under:-

Year	Consumption of Aluminium in Metric Tonnes +	Production in Metric Tonnes
1997-98	542647	552594
1998-99	567000	541459
1999-2000	588000	619741

+ figures are estimated.

In order to increase the participation of the private sector, the Aluminium Industry has been exempted from the provisions of Compulsory Licensing. Foreign investment upto 100% equity participation is also permitted on the automatic route. The two major producers of Aluminium, viz NALCO and HINDALCO, are implementing major expansion programmes to increase their production by 1,15,000 MT and 1,00,000 MT per annum respectively.

(d) The expenditure incurred by MALCO, the only company using imported non-coking/coking coal with low ash content, during the last three years is as under:-

Years	(Rs. in Crores)
1997-98	Nil
1998-99	6.15
1999-2000	73.96